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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. There are 600 Chinese Communist troops now at Navfu (N 22-08, E 99-39) who have converted Baptist mission buildings into barracks.<sup>1</sup> The local inhabitants are being organized into a militia, and those with arms must serve 10 days at a time as road pickets along the border.
2. A new Chinese Communist force of 200 is located across the border from Ho Tao. This force is an outpost of Menglien (N 22-20, E 99-36). Barracks for 1,000 men are being erected at Menglien, and about 300 troops are there now.<sup>2</sup>
3. The Chinese Communists are doing large scale work on a new road from Menglien to Tayakou ferry on the Mekong River. Barracks are being built at the town of Tayakou (N 22-36, E 100-20) for several thousand troops. The Communists plan not to make a ferry across the Mekong, but to build boats which can ferry large trucks across.
4. Roads are being pushed toward the southern Wa States via Mengma (N 22-13, E 99-23) and Menga (N 22-10, E 99-13). Another road leading east from Menglien to Mengman (N 22-12, E 100-06) is being built for military transport and will connect with the Ch'eli-Kenglaw (N 21-42, E 100-04) road.<sup>3</sup>
5. There is almost certain to be a shortage of local rice in Lants'ang (N 22-35, E 99-59) due to worm attacks during the last rainy season.

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1. [redacted] new Chinese Communist troops were stationed along the border at Nawfu during November.

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2. [redacted] new Chinese Communist troops were stationed at Menglien during November.

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3. [redacted] the Ch'eli-Kenglaw road had been opened for motor vehicles in late November.

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4. [redacted] an unknown type of worm had ruined enough of the rice crops in both the valleys and the hillside ricefields of Lants'ang to ensure an acute food shortage for the next year, and that local inhabitants of the area were talking of joining the Chinese Communist military units to get food.

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